

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A trading partner conversation management method and system. A trading partner conversation manager (TPCM) manages conversations between a first enterprise and a second enterprise. The TPCM polls a workflow server 5 and determines whether a service type is a send message or a receive message. When the service type is a send message, the TPCM retrieves a service definition, retrieves an XML template, prepares an XML response, and sends the XML message. When the service type is a receive message, the TPCM retrieves a service name and XQL queries, parses the request and extracts data, 10 starts a service and passes the data to the service, obtains service results, retrieves an XML template, prepares an XML response, sends the XML response, and returns control to the workflow server.